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Dear Councilmember-Elect Raman:

Congratulations on your victory in the City Council election.

I am writing to inform you that I will resign from the City Redistricting Commission to which Councilmember Ryu appointed me. The first meeting of the Commission is scheduled for November 19. Although you will not be officially sworn in by that date, it is entirely reasonable for you to appoint your own designee to the Commission.

Based upon my own experience especially in the 1986 special redistricting that twice radically shifted the lines of my district, the work of redrawing Council District lines can be very complicated and fraught with challenges. After I defeated an incumbent Councilmember, the Council majority chose to achieve the stated goal of adding a new "Hispanic-majority" district by eliminating the district from which I had been elected. Were it not for a Mayoral veto and the unexpected demise of one of the Councilmembers, I would have ended up representing a constituency that diverged sharply from the electorate that brought me into public office. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions about my own experience in redistricting.

If you have more questions about the Redistricting Commission in general, please contact John Wickham in the Chief Legislative Analyst's Office whom I am copying on this email message.

Best of luck to you in getting off to a good start serving the people of CD4.

Sincerely,
Michael Woo